

FLD 355

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25X1A

25X1

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Air Activity by Twin-Engine Planes and Cargo Gliders

EVALUATION ☐ 25X1A

PLACE OBTAINED

☐ 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 19 June to 8 July 1953

DATE OBTAINED ☐ 25X1A DATE PREPARED 10 August 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1X

25X1X

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1A

25X1

25X1A

1. On 19 June 1953, three twin-engine planes, each towing a cargo glider, coming from the direction of Zossen and flying toward the Elbe River, twice crossed Kummersdorf training field at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. At about 2 p.m., eight twin-engine planes without cargo gliders were repeatedly observed flying the same course. ¹
2. Almost every day after 28 June, formations of about 35 Li-2s were observed south of Leipzig with about 15 planes towing cargo gliders toward the west and east.
3. Prior to 5 July, about 100 twin-engine planes, including about 50 with towed cargo gliders, were observed flying in the Erfurt and Naumburg areas. The planes apparently landed in the Erfurt-Gotha area. ²
4. Between 5:45 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. on 29 June, about 100 large Soviet planes were observed over Heckelberg south of Eberswalde, flying from the east to the west.
5. At 8 a.m. on 6 July, jet fighters were observed in the Zossen area. At 4 p.m., 18 twin-engine planes flying formation crossed the same area.
6. After 3 July, there was intensive air activity by twin-engine planes, with piston engines, in the air space around Berlin. ³
1. ☐ Comment. The transport regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army which previously was stationed at Schoenefeld airfield was temporarily transferred. Several Il-12s and cargo gliders from outside East Germany are also known to have flown to Brandis. The landings of these planes at Brandis on 19 June was previously reported ☐

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

SECRET

25X1A



- 2 -

- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Air landing and air transport exercises in the Thuringian area, with the cooperation of elements of the Soviet Army, were previously reported. [REDACTED] The aircraft involved in the exercises took off and landed at Brandis and Erfurt-Bindersleben airfields. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Exercises in the Berlin area were reported previously. [REDACTED] It has not been determined to which units the aircraft involved were assigned. As most of the aircraft of the transport regiment from Schoenefeld were simultaneously observed in the Brandis-Erfurt area, it is considered possible that the aircraft arrived from outside the Soviet zone for training in East Germany. After 10 July, the transport regiment left Brandis airfield and returned to Schoenefeld.
- 25X1A [REDACTED]
- 25X1A [REDACTED]

SECRET